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For: RUBBER-LIKE ARTICLES AND RUBBER-  
LIKE MATERIAL-CONTAINING  
ARTICLES

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**AMENDMENT UNDER § 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated December 15, 2010, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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